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Commissioners:

I am an amateur operator (extra class) in favor of *keeping* Element 1 in the rules. CW serves a number of useful functions in the Amateur Radio service which merit its retention as a requirement for HF operation.

I agree with the reasoning in the paper¹ by Andrew Ross, ZS1AN, which I am including with this submission, rather than trying to restate it all myself. Please consider his arguments which apply as well to our country as they do to his.

Sincerely,
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¹ www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm